

Ralph Bunche House
115-125 Grosvenor Road
Kew Gardens
Queens County
New York

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE NEW YORK	COUNTY QUEENS	TOWN OR VICINITY KEW GARDENS
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) RALPH BUNCHE HOUSE		HABS NO. NY-5691
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 115-25 Grosvenor Road		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The home of Ralph Bunche, highest ranking black in the United Nations Secretariat. He was responsible for negotiating the Israeli-Arab truce of 1949 and settling the Suez Canal Crisis in 1956. Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Tudor Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood and brick with textured stucco finish.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories with a three story bay, rectangular in plan with attached garage.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Steep gable roof covered in slate shingles with one projecting gable in front and back, three story gabled bay on front and back, central chimney adjacent to front bay and secondary chimney at east end, gabled sun porch with exposed roof truss, porch with slate shingled roof on west, "regency" windows with projected (see p. 2)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Private residence.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE For indepth information on Ralph Bunche see National Register file on this site.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register file		
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Exterior features of note:

casements, three-foot high stained glass window in casement of front projecting bay.